

## **II. PROGRAM OVERVIEW OF THE MEDICAID ADMINISTRATIVE MATCH PROGRAM IN LOCAL HEALTH**

Federal matching funds (also referred to as Federal Financial Participation or FFP) under Medicaid are available for the cost of administrative activities that directly support efforts to identify and enroll potential eligibles into Medicaid, to bring them into services covered by Medicaid, to remove barriers to accessing Medicaid services and to reduce gaps in Medicaid services. To the extent that employees in a Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) claiming unit and their contractors perform administrative activities that are in support of the state Medicaid plan, federal reimbursement may be available.

Low-income individuals and families receive Medicaid coverage and services through the State. The pathway to services is provided by the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA), a division of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). The partnership between MAA and the LHJs will ensure that Medicaid-eligible individuals and families will have better access to health care through improved outreach, linkage, interagency coordination, and systems development efforts around Medicaid services.

The Medicaid Administrative Match (MAM) program allows LHJ claiming units and their contractors to earn federal reimbursement for a percentage of specific activities germane to the proper and efficient administration of the state Medicaid Plan. LHJs currently provide the activities reimbursable under the MAM program, at their own expense. Through an Interlocal Agreement, LHJ claiming units can be reimbursed 50% of their allowable costs (and 75% for activities performed by Skilled Professional Medical Personnel working positions that require medical education and training) based on documentation of activities performed.

The Medicaid Administrative Match (MAM) activities, which emphasize outreach to bring eligible clients into Medicaid and linking eligible clients with needed Medicaid services are distinct from services that are provided through Medicaid managed care programs, Medicaid waivers, or Medicaid fee-for-service programs.

The specific Medicaid Administrative Match (MAM) activities that may be billed under a MAC contract with the State of Washington Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) may be found in the Quick Reference section of this web page.